

EmergencyInfo

Emergency Leave Procedures

Unfortunately, there may be instances where an unexpected emergency in the family of a deployed Marine or Sailor requires their return home. Emergency leave may be authorized ONLY in the following situations:

1. When a member of the service member's IMMEDIATE family dies. Immediate family includes: father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, spouse's parents, children or someone who actually reared the Marine or Sailor (in loco parentis). Immediate family DOES NOT include aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, close family friends, or grandparents unless they actually reared the Marine or Sailor (in loco parentis).
2. When a member of the service member's immediate family suffers a serious illness or accident resulting in a serious family problem which requires the service member's presence at home. If such events occur during a deployment, family members must contact the Red Cross Office nearest to the area of the emergency or death.
3. The American Red Cross is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

When military members and their families experience emergencies such as death or illness of a loved one or the birth of a child, the American Red Cross is here to provide emergency communications, access to financial assistance, and other services 24 hours a day. For more information, call Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross in Manassas at (703) 368-4511.

The Red Cross office aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico is located on Barnett Avenue in Little Hall on the second deck; office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (703) 784-3113.

The Red Cross will send the verification to this address. Ensure the Red Cross has the Marine or Sailor's FULL NAME, RANK, COMMAND, and SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

Remember: The Command must receive Red Cross verification of the emergency or death in order to grant emergency leave.

Local offices of the American Red Cross can be reached at: <http://pwarc.org/>

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) offers a variety of services to Marines and Sailors, both active duty and retired, and their families. Among the services offered are:

1. Financial assistance based on need (may take the form of an interest-free loan or grant).
2. Visiting Nurse Program.
3. Well Baby Clinic.
4. Children's waiting rooms at medical facilities.
5. Budget counseling.
6. Thrift shops.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a private, non-profit emergency relief organization supported solely by donations from Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Its purpose is to provide temporary assistance to active-duty and retired Marines and sailors and their eligible family members in the form of interest-free loans and grants. Assistance can include funds for basic living expenses, car repairs, emergency travel, pay problems, medical and dental co-pay, funeral expenses, and other needs. The society also offers financial counseling and can suggest ways to reduce debt. Other services include budget for baby classes, layettes for newborns, visiting nurse services, and education loans and scholarships. The society relies on dedicated, trained volunteers from the community. Volunteers gain job skills and work in a friendly, rewarding environment. Volunteer mileage and childcare are paid. Services are offered on an appointment basis Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, to make an appointment, or to inquire about volunteering, call (703) 784-9754/3355.

<http://www.nmcrs.org>

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: community services that help the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs.

<http://www.redcross.org>

Chaplains

Navy Chaplains are available to provide assistance to service members and their families, and can help with:

Religious instruction
Premarital counseling

Marriage/Family counseling
Crisis intervention
Stress management
Drug and alcohol counseling
Spiritual direction
Values clarification
Someone to talk to in times of need

<http://www.quantico.usmc.mil/activities/?Section=Chaplain>